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E.O. 12065: RDS-1,3 4/6/02 (HARE, PAUL) DR-M  
TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, IS, JO, US  
SUBJECT: SHARON PROPOSES TO MEET CODEL PRICE IN  
EAST JERUSALEM OFFICE

REF: TEL AVIV 4586

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN ARRANGING MEETINGS FOR CODEL PRICE,  
MEIR MISHAN, MFA CONTROL OFFICER FOR THIS VISIT,  
INFORMED EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER THAT A MONDAY,  
APRIL 12, MEETING BETWEEN THE CODEL AND DEFENSE  
MINISTER SHARON WILL BE HELD IN HIS NEW EAST  
JERUSALEM OFFICE (REFTEL).

3. ON LEARNING OF THE ABOVE, DCM BROWN CALLED MFA  
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BAR-ON SEEKING  
CONFIRMATION AND CLARIFICATION. BAR-ON SAID HE  
WOULD CHECK BUT IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED INTO WHAT  
SEEMED LIKE A WELL-PREPARED SPEECH. BAR-ON  
TESTILY SAID IF THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED, THEN  
IN FACT IT MUST BE TRUE. HE GAVE HIS "STRICTLY  
PERSONAL VIEW" THAT DEFENSE MINISTER SHARON HAS BEEN  
HUNTING FOR NEW OFFICE SPACE FOR A LONG TIME AND  
HAS BEEN ACCOMMODATING OFFICIAL AMERICAN VISITORS  
BY MEETING THEM IN THE MFA AND OTHER OFFICES. IT  
IS NATURAL, BAR-ON EXPLAINED, THAT SHARON WOULD  
HAVE HIS OWN OFFICE AND WANT TO RECEIVE PEOPLE  
THERE. BAR-ON'S "VERY STRONG PERSONAL  
RECOMMENDATION" IS THAT THE U.S. NOT DO ANYTHING  
TO TRY TO MAKE A POLITICAL ISSUE OUT OF THIS.  
BAR-ON SAID THE NEW OFFICE COMPLEX WAS IN FACT  
LOCATED IN WHAT USED TO BE ON THE ROAD TO MT. SCOPUS  
AND IMPLIED THEREFORE THAT IT WAS NOT TECHNICALLY  
IN EAST JERUSALEM. IN BAR-ON'S VIEW, AN ARGUMENT  
OVER THIS WOULD BE "COMPLETELY SUPERFLUOUS." LEWIS  
END OF MESSAGE

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